

Leaders in The Bee's Popular Girl Vacation Contest

Photos by Rinehart.



MISS CLARA DONNER, EMPLOYED BY KELLEY, STIGER & CO.



MISS FLORENCE RODGERS, EMPLOYED BY THE RICHARDSON DRUG CO.



MISS ADA L. TALMADGE, EMPLOYED BY M. E. SMITH & CO.



MISS CARRIE OCUMPAUGH, OF THE DODGE STREET LUNCHEON.



MISS JENNIE RABINOWITZ, EMPLOYED BY THE W. R. BENNETT COMPANY.



MISS PEARL SUNDERLAND, EMPLOYED BY THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH CO.

The Bee Vacation Contest

Through the generous hospitality of The Bee the twelve most popular working girls earning their own living in Omaha will enjoy two weeks vacation with trips to delightful summer resorts as the guests of this paper.

Some six weeks ago The Bee offered to pay the entire expenses of summer vacations for the four young women who should be voted most popular by their associates. The polls were to close at 6 p. m., July 1. When the returns were counted the tally sheet showed the following result for the four winners:

Miss Eva Phillips, employed by Swift & Company, 195,036 votes.

Miss Clara McCann, employed by Thompson & Co., 154,533 votes.

Miss Florence Rodgers, employed by the Richardson Drug Company, 91,598 votes.

Miss Jennie Rabinowitz, employed by the W. R. Bennett Company, 65,228 votes.

The next eight were:

Miss Clara Donner, employed by Kelley, Stiger & Co.

Miss Grace E. Gunnell, employed by the Sherman & McConnell Drug Company.

Miss Carrie Ocumpaugh, of the Dodge Street Luncheon.

Miss Ada L. Talmadge, employed by M. E. Smith & Co.

Miss Pearl Sunderland, employed by the Postal Telegraph company.

Miss Hanchen Rehfeld, teacher in the Lake school.

Miss Alma Lindquist, employed by M. E. Smith & Co.

Miss Addie Palmer, employed by W. R. Bennett Company.

Eighth place was a tie between Miss Talmadge and Miss Sunderland.

So brisk has been the vote in this contest and so successful the work prosecuted by the contestants and their friends that The Bee decided to do more than was agreed in the original offer, and, besides providing vacation trips for the four leaders, it will voluntarily provide additional trips for the next eight. The young ladies have selected their routes, and before another month has passed will be enjoying themselves at mountain or lake and fitting themselves to return to their work better for the rest and recreation.

The plan of this novel contest is familiar to all readers of The Bee. Every patron of the paper was granted the privilege of registering a choice upon a coupon printed in each issue. Subscribers who prepaid their subscriptions were given the further privilege of casting a prepaid subscription ballot, which counted twelve votes for their favorite for each week's prepayment.

In pursuance of this plan most of the principal competitors organized systematic campaigns. Some of them put themselves in the hands of campaign managers who looked after their interests and solicited coupons and subscriptions for their favorite. As the time for closing the competition neared its end interest became more intense and thousands of votes were cast

from day to day in the effort to keep the favorites at the head of the list.

The popularity of the contest was attested by the fact that votes were cast for nearly 100 young women whose friends thought them eligible for the prize and that altogether over 900,000 votes were recorded for the various candidates.

"Who leads the vacation contest today?" was the familiar morning greeting in nearly every large mercantile industrial establishment in Omaha, because scarcely an institution of this kind did not have its representative in the list.

A man who recently removed from Boston to Omaha, talking to a friend, said: "When I take up my morning paper the first thing I look to see is who has the most votes in the vacation competition. Next I turn to find out whether the Boston base ball team won and then I look for the news." This is only a typical illustration of the interest shown.

The close of the polls brought out a scene of activity which would have done credit to the most hotly contested political campaign. So many people were in line waiting to be accommodated at the appointed hour that numbers had to be given out to facilitate the voting and insure fair treatment to all. In all probability the relative places of the successful girls were determined by the ballots cast during the last hour.

In presenting the portraits of Omaha's most popular working girls a few words about their personality will not be out of place.

Miss Eva Phillips, who carries off the highest honors, is a petite brunette, who has charge of the sewing in the smoke house at the Swift meat-packing plant at South Omaha, where she has been employed for nearly two years. She resides with her parents in this city.

Miss Clara McCann is one of the saleswomen in the dry goods house of Thompson, Belden & Co., but she had the advantage of being backed by the Cudahy Packing company at South Omaha, where her brother is employed. Previous to her present employment she was in the store of N. B. Falconer.

Miss Florence Rodgers is a member of the office force of the Richardson Drug company and is very popular with all who know her.

Miss Jennie Rabinowitz is a grocery clerk at the W. R. Bennett company store. She

began with that company as an extra clerk during the holidays four years ago and showed herself so useful that the position was made permanent.

Miss Clara Donner has been employed four years in the button department of Kelley, Stiger & Co.'s dry goods emporium and was assisted in her canvass by the entire staff of the store.

Miss Grace E. Gunnell is a pharmacist working for the Sherman & McConnell Drug company. She is a graduate of the Omaha High school and has been earning her living at her profession for five years.

Miss Carrie Ocumpaugh, as one of the proprietors of the Dodge Street Luncheon, had an extraordinary opportunity to cultivate popularity, and her success is shown by the creditable vote which she polled.

Miss Ada L. Talmadge and Miss Alma Lindquist both work for the M. E. Smith Co., dry goods and notions jobbers and manufacturers. Miss Talmadge is a member of the office force, while Miss Lindquist has been employed in the factory as a machine operator in the sewing department.

Miss Pearl Sunderland is a counter clerk for the Postal Telegraph company, and although she did not enter the lists until the contest was fully on, the showing made is a splendid recognition of her popularity.

Miss Hanchen Rehfeld is an Omaha girl who went through the Omaha public schools and the state normal school and has achieved a place in the teachers' corps of the Omaha school system. Last year she was assigned to the Lake school.

Miss Addie Palmer, like Miss Rabinowitz, is employed by the W. R. Bennett company as a grocery clerk and also had the assistance of some of the employees of the Hammond Packing company at South Omaha.

The portraits presented by The Bee were made especially for this issue. On account of the recent death of Miss McCann's sister her portrait is omitted at her request.

Creighton University Graduating Class

The class of 1899 of the collegiate department of Creighton university who received the degree of bachelor of arts at the annual commencement of Creighton college June 23 last, though small, is one of the largest ever

graduated from the collegiate department of that institution and is regarded as one of the most successful by the faculty.

The course which these young men have just finished is designed to impart a liberal education and in the accomplishment of this purpose the ancient classics hold the first place as the most efficient instrument of mental discipline. Besides the Latin, Greek and English classics, the course embraces mental and moral philosophy, the higher mathematics and astronomy, history, literature and the natural sciences.

Particular stress is laid upon the necessity of the classics and the higher mathematics as the proper foundation for a liberal education and every effort is made to form the mind to habits of correct reasoning and to impart sound principles of mental and moral philosophy. It is the opinion of the faculty that such a course is better fitted to develop all the faculties, form a correct taste and teach the student how to use all his powers to the best advantage, as well as prepare him to excel in any pursuit, whether professional or commercial, than any special course which tends to develop only certain faculties and leaves the remaining ones dwarfed.

The leader of the class, both as a student and in popularity, is undoubtedly John T. Smith, a young man from New Haven, Conn., who carried off the honors of the class and of the college. In the annual competition among the eight Jesuit colleges of the Missouri province, and in which last year there were 400 competitors, Mr. Smith was awarded the first prize for the best English essay. While as yet he has made no definite arrangements, the young man has a decided preference for the study of law, and with his known ability and capacity for hard work and perseverance his friends have little fear for his future success.

Another member of the class who has attracted some attention by his literary work is Joseph B. Egan, the class poet, said to possess the true poetic instinct. It is understood that one of his volumes will shortly appear. In the intercollegiate English contest for 1899 Mr. Egan captured the third place among the eight colleges, having chosen for his subject, "The Catholic Spirit of the Renaissance Exemplified in the Works of Shakespeare."

William J. Coad, a son of John F. Coad of this city, received the gold medal for



MISS GRACE E. GUNNELL, EMPLOYED BY THE SHERMAN & MCCONNELL DRUG COMPANY.

the oratorical contest of 1899. He spoke on the Anglo-American alliance. The other members of the class are Edward J. Gillespie, Louis D. Johnson, Thomas J. McShane, Francis A. I. Morrell and Murt M. Sullivan. Of these Messrs. McShane and Gillespie will study medicine, while Johnson and Sullivan will take the law course at the Iowa State university.

At the annual commencement only those were allowed to take part in the exercises who had shown superiority in oratory, and as a result but five of the eight were on the program for the evening. Joseph Egan read the class poem, while Murt M. Sullivan chose for his subject, "Arbitration." "Monopolies" was the subject of the oration delivered by Will J. Coad, and John T. Smith delivered a masterly address on "Imperialism." To Thomas J. McShane fell the honor of the valedictory address and despite the fact that the ground has been well worked over the young man delivered an affecting and touching farewell.

Religious

Rev. Dr. Edward Everet Hale preached his last sermon as active pastor of the South Church of Boston last Sunday, and will become pastor emeritus on October 1.

Rev. Joseph M. Francis, the bishop-elect of the new Episcopal diocese of Indiana, is a native of Philadelphia. Some years since he was chosen bishop of Tokio, Japan, but did not accept the position.

Some of the most eminent speakers in the Unitarian denomination have been secured for the national conference at Washington, D. C., in October. Among them are Hon. John D. Long, Prof. C. M. Tyler, Revs. Charles G. Ames, M. J. Savage, S. A. Eliot and others.

A Presbyterian clergyman, it is said, has been experimenting by working in mines, foundries and brickyards. He announces his conclusion "that if candidates for the ministry would work for a year among those who toil with their hands, they would be better able to fill the pews in their churches with working men."

A St. Joseph (Mo.) clergyman announces a determination to share his vacation with the members in a somewhat unique way. He isn't going out of town, and the usual services are not to be abandoned, but he promises to cut his morning sermon down to thirty minutes during the heated term and the evening discourse to twenty.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are carrying on missions in Japan, Mexico and China, and are planning to raise \$1,000,000 for their colleges and theological seminaries and to establish a system of preparatory schools.

The ordination of Miss Margaret Barnard as pastor of the Unitarian church in Chelsea will take place in September. She has been acting pastor for some time, and has been greatly interested in religious and philanthropic work.

Letting Down a Little

Detroit Free Press: "I guess that I'm making some headway," said the persistent lover, who is not in favor with her father.

"But I thought the old gentleman kicked you out whenever he found you at the house?"

"He does, but I have noticed that he is not kicking nearly as hard of late. I feel sure that he is gradually repenting."

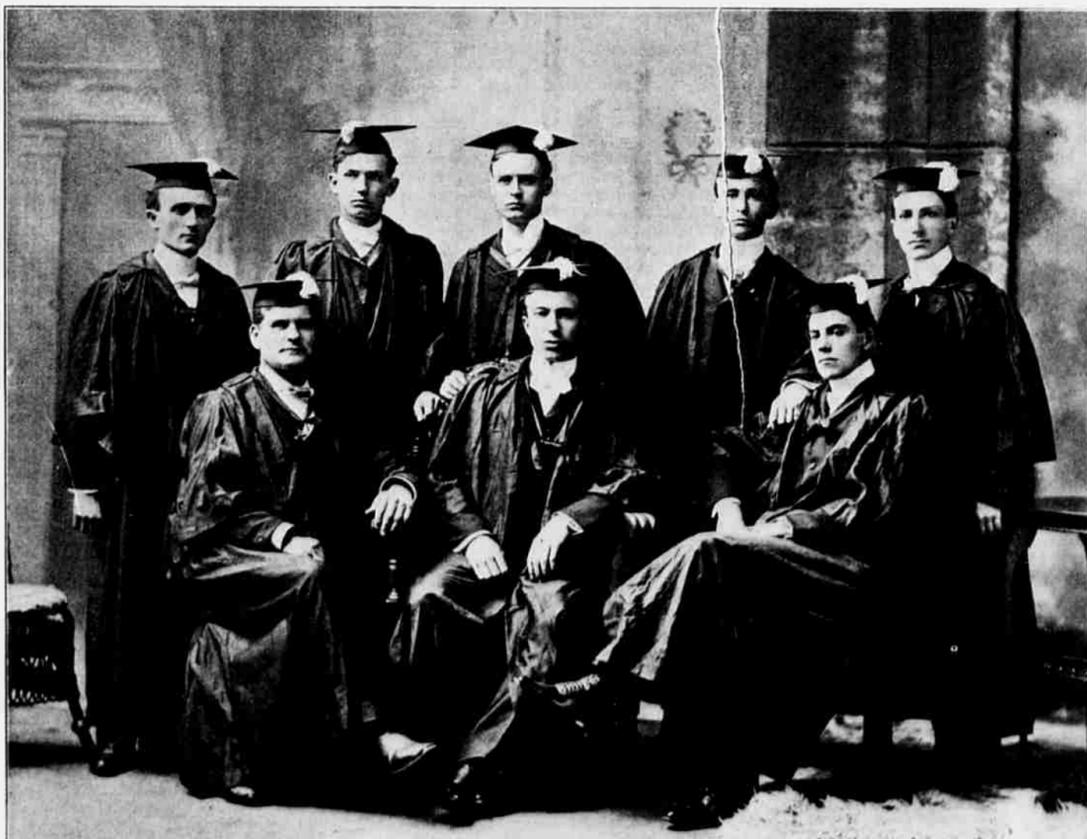


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CLASS OF 1899—CREIGHTON COLLEGE.